



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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July 29, 2009 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

Commission Services Staff

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Lupe Duron
Garen Khachian

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department
Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department
Kristine Monarrez, Sheriff's Department
Hector Andujo, Sheriff's Department
Thomas Arellano, Sheriff's Department
Roy Itani, Department of Public Works

Guests

W. John Martin

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Minutes of July 8, 2009 – Approved.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Abstention: Commissioner Wood

Vote: Duly carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Issuance of Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit

Humane Society of the United States (Teleconference)
2100 L Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Steve Swartz, General Counsel of the Humane Society of the United States, provided a brief background on the organization. He stated that this organization is a 501(c)(3) charity established over 50 years ago as an educational organization to advocate for the protection and humane treatment of all animals. Mr. Swartz said that he believed that two signatures are required for checks issued in significant amounts. He was unable to confirm the exact amount during the teleconference however he stated he would inquire and report back.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

Humane Society Legislative Fund (Teleconference)
2100 L Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Susannah May, Assistant General Counsel of the Humane Society Legislative Fund provided a brief background on the organization. She stated that this organization was a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that supports programs to educate the public on the ethical and legal aspect of the care of animals. Ms. May did not confirm if two signatures are required for checks issued in significant amounts during the teleconference, Mr. Swartz is expected to report back on this item as well.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

Humane Society of the United States Wildlife Trust (Teleconference)
2100 L Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Steve Swartz, provided a brief background on the Humane Society of the United States Wildlife Trust. He stated that this organization was a 501(c)(3) affiliate of the Human Society, established in 1993 with the principal purpose of the securing the permanent protection of wildlife sanctuaries throughout the United States. Mr. Swartz will report back to confirm if checks issued in significant amounts require two signatures.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

The Fund for Animals, Inc. (Teleconference)
200 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

Steve Swartz provided a brief background on the Fund for Animals, Inc. He stated that this organization was a separate 501(c)(3) organization and part of the Human Society of the United States family, established five years ago for the principal advocacy of hands on care facilities throughout the United States. Mr. Swartz will report back to confirm if two signatures are required for checks issued in significant amounts.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

MI Hope Inc., dba Green Hope USA
W. John Martin
1634 Spruce Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030 (Fifth District)

W. John Martin, applicant, provided a brief background on MI Hope Inc. He stated that the organization was established in 1998 as a non-profit to research and manage mental illnesses and autism by promoting good nutrition and advocating for the planting of Moringa trees which provide a good source of nutritional value for children.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Annual Dance, and Entertainment – General with dance
Business License ID # 135901

Angel & Maria Ma Queda
El Rancho Alegre
5010 East Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90022 (First District)

Scott Hennesy, Sheriff's Department reported that the business was closed after two service calls on June 5, 2009. The owner was advised by a Sheriff Deputy to close for not abiding by the conditions set by the Commission. He also added that after a financial dispute with the owner of the building, Angel Ma Queda was evicted by the Sheriff's Department on June 25, 2009 and has not re-opened to date. Also instructed Staff to provide the applicants with the Notice of Hearing via certified mail, first class mail and a telephone call to request their presence at the next meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission rescheduled the item for August 5, 2009 as a Recommendation to Deny Public Eating, Coin Operated Game and Coin Operated Phonograph Business License ID #135901.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved to take this item off calendar.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Adult Cabaret Business License ID #136233

Michael J. Quagletti
20320 Hamilton Avenue
Torrance, CA 90502 (Second District)

Judy Burgdorf, secretary to Roger Jon Diamond, Attorney for the applicant, submitted a request to continue the hearing to a later date due to his engagement in a criminal jury trial.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved to continue the above-mentioned item to November 4, 2009 meeting.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

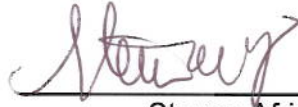
There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven Afriat", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven Afriat, President